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TAGS: OVIP, (GIBBONS, PREMIER AND MRS.), BD

SUBJECT: VISIT OF BERMUDIAN PREMIER AND MRS. GIBBONS
TO WASHINGTON

REF: HAMILTON 220

1. RE PARA ONE, REFTEL, PREMIER AND MRS. GIBBONS INFORMED
CONGEN AND EUR/NE FUNSETH DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO
HAMILTON THAT THEY WOULD BE MAKING PRIVATE AND UNOFFICIAL
VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN MID-MAY.

2. AS NOTED IN REFTELS, BERMUDA'S TOURIST OFFICE REP-
RESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, RAGAN HAS ARRANGED PROGRAM
FOR THE PREMIER AND HIS WIFE. RAGAN ASKED FOR TOUR OF
WHITE HOUSE AND WHITE HOUSE HAS INDICATED THAT MRS.
CARTER WILL RECEIVE MRS. GIBBONS AT 10 A.M., MAY 16.

3. RE PARA THREE, REFTEL, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE
FOR DEPARTMENT TO INSERT ITSELF INTO SUCH A PRIVATE AND
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UNOFFICIAL VISIT, PARTICULARLY SINCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN
ARRANGED BY RAGAN WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CONSULATE GENERAL,
BRITISH EMBASSY OR DEPARTMENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE PRIVATE
VISIT AT THIS TIME OVERTAKES OR DILUTES YOUR RECOMMENDATION
REGARDING A MORE FORMAL VISIT AT FUTURE TIME, WHICH WE WILL

WANT TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY. IN THE MEANTIME YOU SHOULD

NOT SPECULATE ABOUT A POSSIBLE "OFFICIAL" VISIT WITH
ANYONE INCLUDING RAGAN.

4. IN YOUR MEETING WITH PREMIER ON MAY 10, WE SUGGEST
YOU LIMIT YOURSELF TO STATING THAT:

(A) YOU UNDERSTAND MR. RAGAN IS TAKING CARE OF THE
DETAILS OF THEIR VISIT;

(B) YOU ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT MRS. CARTER IS
PLANNING TO RECEIVE MRS. GIBBONS WHEN SHE TOURS WHITE
HOUSE;

(C) EUR/NE FUNSETH RECALLS WITH PLEASURE MEETING WITH
THE PREMIER AND MRS. GIBBONS AT THE RAND DINNER AND WITH
THE PREMIER AT HIS OFFICE AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO BE OF
WHATEVER SERVICE HE CAN DURING THEIR VISIT TO WASHINGTON.
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